



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

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For: BACK LIGHT DEVICE WITH DIFFUSING SHEET FOR A
LIQUID CRYSTAL DISPLAY APPARATUS (As Amended)

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Sir:

In reply to the May 29, 2002, Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 13 and 14 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1 and 6 as follows:

1. (Seven Times Amended) A back light device comprising:

a light source;

a lightconductor in a substantial plate form comprising a front face, a back face and side end faces,

light radiated from the light source and made incident on the one of the side end faces being output as a first diffused light having a peak oblique to the normal standing on a light outputting surface therefrom which is the front face;

at least one light diffusing sheet for receiving, on its face, the first diffused light output from the light outputting surface of the lightconductor, and outputting a second

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